

What is the Arizona Health Improvement Plan (AZHIP) 2021-2025?



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Arizona Health Improvement Plan (AzHIP)

- Describes how the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) and community partners are working together to improve the health and wellness of all Arizonans.
- New editions released every 5 years with 2+ year action plans
- 2021-2025 AzHIP released in June 2021
- Funding set aside for tribal organizations = \$425,000

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Arizona Health Improvement Plan (AzHIP)

- Small number of priorities
- Priorities that underlie several health issues
- Relate to significant overarching health disparities
- Areas to benefit from a more concerted effort
- Could be areas that are not traditional public health
- Flexibility to adapt over 5 years

AzHIP 2021 - 2025 Priorities

Mental Well-being

**Health in All
Policies /
Social
Determinants
of Health**

**Rural &
Urban
Underserved
Health**

**Pandemic
Recovery &
Resiliency**

Health Equity

AZHIP Implementation



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Priority: Rural & Urban Underserved Health

The Arizona Advisory Council on Indian Health Care (AACIHC) will be working to reduce health disparities, within the priority of **Rural & Urban Underserved Health**.

- **The Vision:**
Understanding and addressing health disparities uniquely **impacting rural and underserved Arizonans**, including Latinx, Black, **American Indian**, older adults, and other identified underserved communities.

The **Rural & Urban Underserved Health Priority** will be accomplished through 4 Strategies. **The AACIHC will be working on Strategy 3.**



Strategy 1

Address Health Professional Shortage by building a diverse healthcare workforce



Strategy 2

Maximize utilization of CHW's/CHR's in clinical settings




Strategy 3

Improve Indian (IHS/Tribal/ Urban) Health by increasing access to care, reducing systems barriers, and strengthening infrastructure



Strategy 4

Improve maternal health outcomes



Strategy 3: Improve Indian (IHS/Tribal/Urban) Health by Increasing Access to Care, Reducing Systems Barriers, and Strengthening Infrastructure

The Arizona Advisory Council on Indian Health Care (AACIHC) will be working on **Tactic A**.

**Tactic
A**

Establish a joint effort between ADHS/Arizona Advisory Council on Indian Health Care (AACIHC)/DES/AHCCCS/First Things First to identify initiatives which addresses and improves Tribal needs (access to care, reducing systems barriers, and strengthening infrastructure)

**Tactic
B**

Inform state and Tribal leaders of AzHIP goals specific to ITU and identify commitments and resources to achieve them

**Tactic
C**

Initiate data mining/reporting initiatives which will help identify and prioritize issues

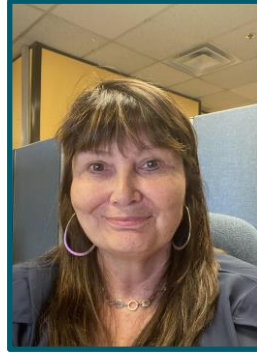
**Tactic
D**

Expand telehealth in rural and underserved areas – Augment tribal ability to provide care via telehealth

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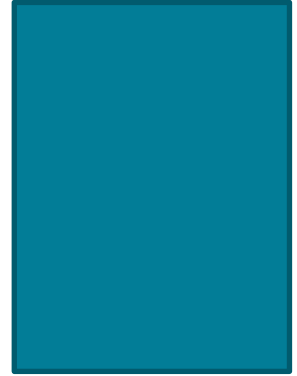
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Goal

The Arizona Advisory Council on Indian Health Care shall support implementation of the 2021-2025 AzHIP Rural & Urban Underserved Plan, by establishing an MOU between the following State agencies:

- Arizona Advisory Council on Indian Health Care (AACIHC),
- Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES),
- Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS),
- Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), *and*
- First Things First (FTF).

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Objectives

In collaboration with these other State agencies, here are the four target areas that the Arizona Advisory Council on Indian Health Care (AACIHC) will be focusing on:

1. Research, improve or implement a training on how to work with Tribal Nations and Communities for state workers;
2. Create a joint training for Tribal Leaders/Executives on the goals, programs, structure, etc. of the 5 state agencies;
3. Coordinate a State-Tribal Epidemiology Summit that informs Tribes on the data that state agencies collect and how it may be accessed; and
4. Conduct a needs and resource assessment of Housing needs for AIs in AZ.



Action Plan

1. Research, improve or implement a training on how to work with Tribal Nations and Communities for state workers.
 - Research existing trainings available regarding working with sovereign nations and American Indian populations in Arizona.
 - Compare and contrast these trainings.
 - Do existing trainings have common learning objectives?
 - Share across all five agencies participating in the MOU to compile a recommendation on how to improve current trainings or to create a new one.



Action Plan

2. Create a joint training for Tribal Leaders/Executives on the goals, programs, structure, etc. of the 5 state agencies.

- Determine what information would be useful for Tribal Leaders/Executives to know about working with State agencies, that could be included in future trainings.
- Compile a high level overview (5 minute elevator speech) of each agency's purpose and resources.
- Put all information into an easy to access video (utilizing YouTube)
- Share across all twenty two Tribes in Arizona



Action Plan

3. Coordinate a State-Tribal Epidemiology Summit that informs Tribes on the data that state agencies collect and how it may be accessed.

- Creation of a planning committee, including the 5 State Agencies in the MOU, to identify objectives of the State-Tribal Epidemiology Summit.
 - *E.g. What are the data sources?*
 - *E.g. How do we share data?*
 - *E.g. Epidemiology software that is compatible with multiple stakeholders*
- Bring stakeholders together to discuss better ways to share data across State agencies and Tribal entities, in compliance with data sharing agreements.



Action Plan

4. Conduct a needs and resource assessment of Housing needs for AIs in AZ.

- Creation of a needs and resource assessment
- Distribution of assessment
 - Leverage existing relationships with State agencies and Tribal partners, established through the AZHIP and AACIHC grants
- Use existing, publicly available data sources
- Compile findings into an easily distributable format, for use by Tribes in Arizona and State agencies.

ELEMENTS OF A HEALTHY TRIBAL COMMUNITY

